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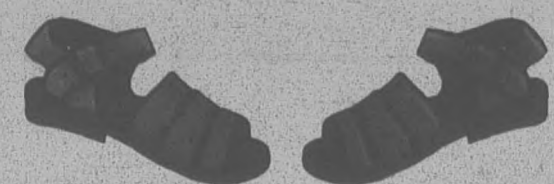
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**HOMEOWNED WATERMELONS**...The front yard of James and Doris Bedsole of Elba looked as though it had been invaded by watermelons Friday morning, July 29, with a giant pile of approximately 350 "black diamond red" melons waiting to be sold. Mr. Bedsole grew the watermelons in his garden at home, and his wife said the plentiful crop must have benefited from her husband regularly spreading fertilizer by hand. Mr. Bedsole said an individual from Atmore, Ala. was scheduled to come some time Friday to get the majority of the already picked melons shown above, but there still are plenty others available for sale.

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**FUN IN THE SUN WITH DAD** (left)...Austin McWaters and his dad, Oden McWaters, recently spent a sunny Friday afternoon at the Elba City Pool. The cool water proved to be a great way to escape that summertime heat for both father and son. With most area schools opening for the 2005-06 term, the pool hours have been cut back to only weekends, but that still leaves plenty of time for lots of fun in the sun.



**HANGING OUT WITH THE FELLAS** (right)...One of the great things about the Elba City Pool is that it allows a large group of friends to enjoy the day together participating in one of summer's most enjoyable pastimes - swimming. Recently, Carlos Matias, Tevin McNair, Tristan Terry, Hakeem Jackson, Alex McNair and Quenton Caldwell did that as they spent a Friday afternoon at the pool just hanging out.

#### Class schedules available at EOCC

Enterprise-Ozark Community College fall class schedules are now available at the following locations: the Enterprise Campus at Admissions/Registrar, Counseling, and Switchboard; the Ozark Aviation Campus; the Fort Rucker Site.

The schedule is also available online at [www.eocc.edu/schedule.html](http://www.eocc.edu/schedule.html). Fall semester begins August 18, 2005. For more information, call (334)347-2623.

#### \*NOTICE\*

A new site on the web has been created that allows people to share their old memories of Elba with others.

The site is located at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ourlovelibates>.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the site to look at the information already posted and/or post their own stories.

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Approves motion for intent to sale property

## Commission supports expansion of DCI

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Aug. 8, during the regular bimonthly commission meeting to support a local medical organization with expansion efforts.

Representatives of Dialysis Clinic Inc. (DCI)

of Enterprise presented commissioners with a proposal to allow the organization to buy from the county 1.4 acres of land located next to the Coffee County Department of Human Resources building.

Gary Donaldson, an employee of DCI of Enterprise, said the clinic has outgrown the facility it currently is using and is kind of landlocked in regards to expansion at that site.

He said Medicare has begun allowing patients to be placed on dialysis before they get so sick and because of that local doctors are following approximately 200 patients in a 50-mile radius.

"We're looking to expand to accommodate those patients," Donaldson said. "We're now having to place patients somewhere else because we don't have room."

The current facility has 16 dialysis stations and Donaldson said most patients are dialyzed three times per week.

"We're a non-profit organization," said Kyle Weaver, administrator of DCI. "What we're proposing is that you (commis-

sioners) allow us to purchase the land located next to the DHR building. We would in return build a state-of-the-art building."

He said the building would match those surrounding it, and most importantly, would allow DCI to provide the best service for the patients.

Currently, he said DCI in 125 percent over capacity with the patients it follows, and in a n y patients are being forced to travel greater distances to receive their dialysis treatment.

"We're not a doctor's office," Weaver said. "We're a critical care unit. These people will die if they don't get dialysis."

Commissioner Tom Grimsley asked Weaver how many dialysis stations the new facility would include and how many additional employees would be required.

Weaver said the new facility would have 28 stations. He said that is the suggested amount to accommodate the number of patients. Also, he said probably four to five new employees will be hired.

Weaver asked commissioners to do two things Monday morning: 1) allow DCI to purchase the land; and 2) pass a resolution supporting the efforts of DCI. He said the resolution would help DCI in the efforts if they have proof of the commis-

sion's support to send in with the certificate of needs.

Commissioner Grimsley offered a motion for the Commission to present DCI with a letter of commitment with the intent to sale the 1.4 acres of land to DCI provided a sale price is agreed upon and everything works out for DCI to proceed with the project.

He received a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Commission chairman Doug Dalrymple said an appraiser has looked at the land and recommended the property be sold at \$175-\$200 per foot of road frontage; however, he said the two entities still need to negotiate a sale price.

Next, a motion was approved passing a resolution showing the commission's support of DCI moving it's clinic.

Butch Wright, president of the Coffee County Board of Realtors, also addressed commissioners Monday morning asking them to consider having a county building inspector and making tax data available online.

Commissioner Dalrymple asked Wright to attend the next working group session to better explain the requests of the realtors.

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## Coffee County Schools preparing new website

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A presentation regarding a new website for the Coffee County School System excited

board members Thursday evening, Aug. 4, during the regular monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said everyone involved with the implementation of this new web site is very excited. She said the teachers and administrators have worked hard to get this up and going.

Gilda Donaldson, technology coordinator for the school system, gave board members a preview of the web site and the mounds of information it will include. There will be a central office site, as well as, each county school having it's own site.

Ingram said the web site will allow the public to view up-to-date happenings with the schools and school system. It also will allow the public to email school officials.

Ingram said information regarding school closings due to inclement weather also can be found on the web site.

Donaldson said the hopes the site will be open soon to the public for view at the new official site of: [www.coffeecountyschools.org](http://www.coffeecountyschools.org), but it can

not be accessed as of yet by that address. Instead, the site currently can be accessed by going through the school insites web site at: <http://coffeecountyschoolinsites.com>.

Board members adopted the parent/student information guide as policy with only a few changes.

Ingram said the board approves this guide as policy because it includes the code of conduct.

A few changes referenced in the guide for the 2005-06 school term included "possession" of a cellular telephone, dress code now lists pajama pants as something not to wear to school and the new truancy policy is outlined.

Board members noted the parent involvement sheet located in the back of the guide. Ingram said parents of all Coffee County Schools' students are supposed to sign the sheet and send it back by their children indicating they have received and read the guide.

With two days of the new school year completed last Thursday, Ingram said the two-day total showed enrollment at 1,961 students for the school system. She said this figure is up several students from last year.

Ingram said the roof bids for the Zion Chapel elementary building and gym were opened Thursday; however, she said she needed more time to study the bids before making a recommendation. She did say the low bid came in at \$780,643.

In regards to personnel matters, board members approved the following:

Support

- Accept the resignation of Tommy Paige as lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel School. Mr. Paige submitted his resignation on July 27, 2005 and requested his resignation be effective immediately.

- Transfer Alisha Brooks from her position as a part-time lunchroom worker at Kinston School to a full-time lunchroom worker at Kinston School. Mrs. Brooks will work a seven-hour day.

## Coffee County District Judge announces Truancy Court

by Linda Hodge, Editor

School officials stood with the court's backing and with full support of District Attorney Gary McAliley last Thursday afternoon, Aug. 4, as District Judge Paul Sherling announced the formation of Truancy Court.

"Children are our most important asset," said McAliley. "I'm glad to live in a county with superintendents who believe children deserve the opportunity to get a good education."

Judge Sherling said attendance at schools throughout the county will come under a microscope in the new school year as the Alabama Board of Education has mandated changes in the way schools handle unexcused absences. When a child has reached five unexcused absences, the juvenile court will be notified.

"I felt it important to have a Truancy Court Day," Sherling said. "Truancy and unexcused absences are the first symptom of many other problems. The schools will initially address these issues, and if attendance does not improve we will handle it through Truancy Court."

Sherling said Truancy Court will be held once a month and will involve the child and parents meeting with the juvenile probation officers, the district attorney and school officials. After meeting with the parents, he said the school officials and district attorney will decide if charges need to be filed against the parents and/or juvenile. If so, they will return to Truancy Court.

"Absenteeism is one of the biggest problems we have in today's society," said Jim Reese, superintendent of the Enterprise School System. "This is going to be a way we can make every-one aware."

Sherling said parents are responsible for the behavior and



**KEY PLAYERS IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF COFFEE COUNTY'S TRUANCY COURT** were present last Thursday afternoon, Aug. 4, for a press conference held by Coffee County District Judge Paul Sherling in Enterprise. They include (from left): Gary McAliley, Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney; Danny Weeks, Elba City Schools Superintendent; District Judge Paul Sherling; Linda Ingram, Coffee County Schools Superintendent; Gary Watson, juvenile court probation officer; and Jim Reese, Enterprise City Schools Superintendent.

attendance of their children at school, and any unexcused absence or tardy from school can be judged as a truancy. "It's my hope and desire that we have no truanies," Sherling said. "But, we're putting parents

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## Area Happenings

**THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold the second public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2006 on Thursday, Aug. 11 (TODAY) at 11:45 a.m. at the board of education administrative offices at 400 Rockledge Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens are invited to attend the budget hearing. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. Following the second hearing, the board will hold a special meeting at 12 Noon to approve the FY2006 budget.

**SENATOR JEFF SESSIONS** will hold a Coffee County Town Hall Meeting Thursday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. at The Rawls Building, 116 S. Main Street, Enterprise. Senator Sessions will give a legislative update at the town hall meeting.

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

England's Tony Blair would definitely qualify for a Southern Redneck these days. For years people with the opinion that every one should either "love this country or leave it" were considered just plain Southern Rednecks. Now Prime Minister Tony Blair has stood up in London and announced that the violent terrorists in his country should just leave. Actually Blair said he was going to see that they were kicked out of England. Welcome to Red Neck Country, Tony ole boy! You speak our language in more ways than one. Now if the United States government could follow your lead, we would all be taking steps to improve this world. Of course in England they don't have to contend with the ACLU, which would delay things in this country - at least until someone decided to update the ACLU member's passports and help them pack their traveling bags.

Schools are in session for another year. Drivers should continue to be on the alert for children in the path of their car, as that danger doesn't go away just because most of the youth are in school for part of the day. In fact some are actually expected to the road dangers more than during the summer vacation times.

Forever the optimist is an apt way to describe many of us around Elba and all of Coffee County. Right now the future looks great for this area. The economy is improving nationwide and that has a positive impact on the pocketbooks of local citizens. As a spin-off of this growing economy, industry is expanding and more importantly expanding into areas such as Coffee County. Highway widening and general improvements projects will open more doors to industrial expansion, etc. There is an ongoing pick up in retirees moving into the Wiregrass... and this is an almost untapped market that needs further development.

The astronauts returned to Earth safely Tuesday morning and hopefully joined us in a pray of thanks to God for their safe return. The TV at our house was zeroed in on the space ship Tuesday morning as it returned to that darkened California landing strip. There was an audible sigh of relief in our house as it passed that crucial re-entry point where the last American space ship overheated and exploded, claiming the lives of all aboard. While their families were waiting in Florida to welcome them home, it is doubtful a single family member was overly upset over the decision to play it safe and land in California rather than Florida.

There was a news story in one of the daily papers this week about prison inmates filing frivolous lawsuits. This is hardly fresh news, as it has been going on for years. These people are sitting around with nothing to do with their time, bleeding hearts encourage (and help) their actions, etc. Forcing the inmates to pay the filing fees for the dumb suits will help, but obviously tougher rules are needed to curb this abuse of the American court system.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 1, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one furnishing a controlled substance, one case, one failure to produce a title, one lost property, one harassing communications, two for escape, two for burglary, one assault, one domestic violence, one theft of property and one public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: one for furnishing a controlled substance to minors, one for ignominiously enticing a child, one for furnishing alcohol to minors, one for robbery, one for failure to pay and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no driver's license, one for no proof of insurance and one for an improper right turn.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, AUGUST 1** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 126 Adkinson St. (12:18 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 189 and County Rd. 349 (9:39 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10502 Hwy. 51 N. (1:47 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 342 Brunson Circle (7:39 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3** - Possible rape/sexual assault reported at 2345 Hickman Ave., B-3 (12:03 a.m.); River stage - 7.97 feet (6:06 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at 1584 Caroline St. (3:40 p.m.); Coffee County

EMS dispatched to 6918 Hwy. 134 (5:08 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at a residence on Reese Ave. (7:00 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire on Plant Ave. (1:06 a.m.); River stage - 7.78 feet (6:07 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 189 N. (6:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 189 N. (6:39 a.m.); River stage - 7.78 feet (7:21 a.m.); Wreck reported behind the Family Dollar Store (12:23 p.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 1133 Neil Grantham Dr. (4:41 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at the intersection of Claxton Ave. and the 203 Bypass (4:46 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at a residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (7:12 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10492 Hwy. 87 (5:54 a.m.); River stage - 9.36 feet (8:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 306 (10:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Little Beaver Dam Trailer Court, Lot 6 (1:44 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6** - River stage - 11.53 feet (7:02 a.m.); Burglary reported at 902 Wayne St. (7:26 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 426 (5:14 a.m.); River stage - 9.36 feet (7:02 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Ino Baptist Church St. (3:40 p.m.); Coffee County

## EOCC's Alumni Intouch produces interesting responses

Alumni Intouch, Enterprise-Ozark Community College's e-mail alumni information connection, gleams some interesting responses from former students. For example, Brenda Howe, employed in internet development in Birmingham says, "EOCC jumpstarted my life after high school and helped keep me on track in my educational pursuits. I earned a bachelor's degree in advertising from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. I worked in research and development for three years at Pace Learning Systems and have worked over ten years for publisher Southern Progress Corporation in Birmingham. My role... is in internet development for all in

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Representatives of the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office again attended a commission meeting and asked for additional office space to be added onto the current office.

According to the local officials, FSA is cutting back nationwide. In order to achieve this, three loan managers will be relocated to Coffee County. The officials said they feel an additional 900 sq. ft. of added on office space would accommodate the changes.

Commissioner Dalrymple appointed a committee of commissioners: Bernice Brooks, J.L. Weeks and Tom Grimsley to look at this request and what the county can do to help.

Commissioner Weeks said he has been inspecting the New Hope School building for quite some time and does not feel the building can be used for anything. He said it is simply rotting away.

Therefore, Weeks offered a

motion sale the building through a sealed bid process with an option to reject the bids. The person(s) awarded the bid will be responsible for moving into the building off the land and clean the property.

His motion was passed. The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 22, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

on notice that he do have a

Truancy Court in Coffee County.

McAlley said extreme cases could result in misdemeanor charges against a parent with possible sanctions of a fine up to \$100 and up to 90 days in jail.

"We need children to be at school so we can teach them and turn out productive citizens," said Dr. Linda Ingram, superintendent of the Coffee County School System. "Our goal is to make our children productive citizens."

Judge Shering said the first Truancy Court is scheduled for October, and he hopes the implementation of this court will eliminate problems down the road.

He said he wants everyone in Coffee County to know the court, district attorney and school systems are serious about education.

Weeks said he believes working collaboratively now has the officials headed in a positive direction regarding school truancy.

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• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex & New Brockton.  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

My house was destroyed by a fire on July 30th. My family and I would like to thank each and every person that helped during this time.

We have a police department and fire department that are great. Even though my home could not be saved, they kept the surrounding buildings from burning.

The Bullock and Zion Chapel fire departments came to help. I would also like to thank them.

Elba has some very caring people. I wish to thank each one for their generosity and prayers at this time. Elba is an outstanding place to call home.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Crocker

Dear Editor:

On behalf of my brother, Dewayne Davis, I would like to thank everyone who has shown support to him and his family over the past few months.

Dewayne was involved in an automobile accident, and sustained injuries that according to one doctor should have been life threatening. However, with many prayers from family, friends and even strangers my brother was released from HealthSouth Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital last weekend. Although he still has recovery ahead he is here and

that's more than enough to be thankful for.

I placed flyers in local businesses and ads in the newspaper asking for donations for a benefit yard sale and the response I got was heartwarming. The city of Elba has some truly caring citizens and I am thankful to each one who gave.

I would also like to thank the businesses, churches and civic clubs that allowed us to advertise, offered to be a drop-off point for donated items and placed donation jars at their establishments, etc. all of which has helped tremendously.

Sincerely,  
Marsha Jordan

Dear Editor,

AVALA OPPOSES TRIAL LAWYER REQUEST.

Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse opposes a request by plaintiff attorneys that the Alabama Supreme Court uphold a \$3.5 billion court award against ExxonMobil in a lawsuit brought by the state.

Plaintiff lawyers petitioned the court to uphold the award due to the "severity" of the wrongdoing and the size of the defendant.

Both these claims are bogus. This fiasco is about nothing more than a contract dispute over how royalties were com-

puted for natural gas from Mobile Bay.

The largest amount any jury has found at question is \$100 million. If there was any wrongdoing at all, the most the state should be awarded under guidelines set by the U.S. Supreme Court is \$400 million. Most people aren't aware that ExxonMobil actually initiated the lawsuit to settle the dispute.

The U.S. Supreme Court has said lawsuit awards in such cases should be compensatory damages plus punitive damages of three times that amount. The \$3.5 billion would be 145 times compensatory.

As to the size of the defendant, justice must be blind to such things. Equal justice under the law means the rich have to be protected from unfairness just like the poor. The lady with the blindfold is not supposed to know how big or small a defendant is. But in this case, trial lawyers are trying to rip away the blindfold and stuff it down Lady Justice's mouth to stifle her cries of protest.

Sincerely,  
Skip Tucker, Director

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Coffee County Junior Miss program set for Saturday

The Coffee County Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Enterprise High School auditorium at 5 p.m.

This year's program will feature six young ladies vying for the title of Coffee County Junior Miss. The contestants include: Casey Michele Medlock, Carissa Anne Porter, Jacquelyn Kristina Parks, Whitney Erin Donaldson, Lindsay Elizabeth Carter and Pamela Ashleigh Hall.

Reserved tickets are available for \$8 or general admission at the door will be \$5. Contact Dayna Newsome at 393-2360 for more information.

<p><b>Casey Medlock</b> Parents: Pete &amp; Eva Medlock Attends Elba High School</p>	<p><b>Carissa Porter</b> Parents: Arlie &amp; Angie Porter Attends Enterprise High School</p>	<p><b>Whitney Donaldson</b> Parents: Bernice &amp; Josephine Donaldson Attends New Brockton High School</p>
<p><b>Pamela Ashleigh Hall</b> Parents: Howard &amp; Cindy Hall Attends Enterprise High School</p>	<p><b>Jackie Parks</b> Parents: Danny &amp; Arlene Parks Attends Enterprise High School</p>	<p><b>Lindsay Carter</b> Parents: Clay &amp; Angie Carter Attends Alabama School of Fine Arts</p>

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**Republican Women of Coffee County to hold monthly meeting**

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting.

Alabama State Treasurer Kay Ivey will be speaking. The menu will be a buffet and drink for \$8 inclusive. The public is invited.

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## Obituaries

## ALICE SIMS NORRIS

Mrs. Alice Sims Norris, age 87, of Andalusia, Ala., died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005 at an Opp Hospital.

Funeral services were held Aug. 5, 2005 at Joquin Cemetery with Rev. George Norsworthy officiating. Burial followed the service with Foreman Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Norris was preceded in death by her husband, Horace L. Norris.

Survivors include four daughters: Ethell N. Robbins, Coral Springs, Fla., Frances N. Combs, Helena, Ala., Jeanette (husband, Rex) Hodge, Elba, Betty N. (husband, Winton) Payne Jr.; three sons: Rayfus Norris, Andalusia, Harold F. (wife, Linda) Norris, Auburndale, Fla., John Randal (wife, Sharon) Norris, New Castle, Ind.; one brother: Paul Sims, Goshen, Ala.; three sisters: Eva Basile, Hopatcong, N.J.; Sybil Watson, Birmingham, Ala., Minerva Rerech, Dover, N.J.; 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

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Dear Editor,

AVALA OPPOSES TRIAL LAWYER REQUEST.

Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse opposes a request by plaintiff attorneys that the Alabama Supreme Court uphold a \$3.5 billion court award against ExxonMobil in a lawsuit brought by the state.

Plaintiff lawyers petitioned the court to uphold the award due to the "severity" of the wrongdoing and the size of the defendant.

Both these claims are bogus. This fiasco is about nothing more than a contract dispute over how royalties were com-

puted for natural gas from Mobile Bay.

The largest amount any jury has found at question is \$100 million. If there was any wrongdoing at all, the most the state should be awarded under guidelines set by the U.S. Supreme Court is \$400 million. Most people aren't aware that ExxonMobil actually initiated the lawsuit to settle the dispute.

The U.S. Supreme Court has said lawsuit awards in such cases should be compensatory damages plus punitive damages of three times that amount. The \$3.5 billion would be 145 times compensatory.

As to the size of the defendant, justice must be blind to such things. Equal justice under the law means the rich have to be protected from unfairness just like the poor. The lady with the blindfold is not supposed to know how big or small a defendant is. But in this case, trial lawyers are trying to rip away the blindfold and stuff it down Lady Justice's mouth to stifle her cries of protest.

Sincerely,  
Skip Tucker, Director

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## EDNA MAE SAWYER

Mrs. Edna Mae Sawyer, age 90, of Jack, Ala., died at her home Friday, August 5, 2005.

Funeral services were held Aug. 9, 2005 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Brundidge with Rev. Ray Stinson and Rev. Shirley Ellis officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Sawyer was preceded in death by her husband, John D. Sawyer of Brundidge.

Survivors include two sons: Lavon (wife, Brenda) Sawyer, both of Brundidge; and three grandsons.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## First Assembly of God in Elba to host special revival August 14-16

First Assembly of God in Elba will host a "special" revival August 14-16. Sunday at 10:30 and 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Rev. Johnny Lee Cook.

Don't miss hearing Dr. J.L. Cook. Years ago he was "Old Nanner Puddin'" on the Hee Haw Show. Johnny also appeared on Country Crossroads. Pop Goes the Country, Nashville Now, and the


## Calvary Baptist Church plans gospel singing

Calvary Baptist Church, Hwy 189 N., will host a gospel singing Saturday night, August

13, at 7 p.m. Featured will be Southern Comfort Bluegrass. Everyone is invited to attend.



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## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

**SCRIPTURE: JAMES 3:1-18**  
**\*\*\*THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:**  
 Fannie Lois Brooks, Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. Charles Lane, Henry Waters, Jadie Refegee, Marie Tillis, Mary E. Holley, Randolph Caldwell, Lela Tyson, Mattie Rodgers.

**\*\*\*AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**  
 J.C. Rodgers - August 9, Myron and Maria Duncan - Aug. 9 (W.A.), Bria M. Culver - Aug. 9, Leray Smedley - Aug. 10, Sue Wood - Aug. 10, Tilla M. Wade - Aug. 10 (In Memory Of), John and Pam Mitchell - Aug. 11 (W.A.), and Wesley Kelley - Aug. 14.

**\*\*\*LOVE PROGRAM:**  
 There will be a love program held for Sis. Pamela Edwards, Licentiate of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba, on August 19, 2005 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Sis. Barbara Righty and Sis. Eria Lindsey Belcher, M.C.

**\*\*\*BACK TO SCHOOL FASHION SHOW:**  
 There will be a "Back to School Fashion Show" August 12, 2005 at The Enterprise Civic Center at 7 p.m. There will be a \$3 admission. The music provided by: Keeping it Real! Be ready to shop, buy, or just check out

## Mighty Daughters of God Conference scheduled at New Life Worship Center

New Life Worship Center extends a special invitation to all ladies to attend the 2005 Mighty Daughters of God Women's Conference. The conference will be held on August 12 and 13, 2005. On Friday, August 12, registration will start at 6:15 p.m. and the evening service at 7 p.m. Saturday registration will start at 8:30 a.m. with services at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with lunch.

**Mt. Vernon Assembly of God will be having Homecoming August 14**

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God is holding their Homecoming service with the Representatives, August 14, 2005. The Representatives will be singing at 11 a.m. service and at 1:30 (after lunch). Everyone is invited to attend services and enjoy lunch.

## God's Game Plan for a Man and his Family conference to be held at Ino Baptist Church

God's Game Plan for a Man and His Family conference with guest speaker Steve Farrar and worship music by Jamie Baker and the Praise Band will be held Friday, Aug. 12, from 6:30 - 9:45 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 13, from 8:30 - 11:45 a.m., at Ino Baptist Church, 6157 Hwy. 134, Kinston, Ala. Doors will open one hour prior to the conference on both days.

This life changing conference comes alive with an explosion of leadership strategies and topics for the man leading his life and family in today's culture. It is a Biblically based, life-applicable conference for the leader who understands the times in which he lives and leads. It focuses on the spiritual leader, family responsibilities and tools needed by a man to effectively lead his own life, family, church and community.

It is a conference for men who want to be faithful to their wives, to raise godly children, to lead and protect their families

## Woodland Grove to celebrate their 150th Homecoming Service Sunday, August 14th

Woodland Grove Baptist Church's 150th Homecoming Service will be Sunday, Aug. 14, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Bro. Keith Parker with special music by Master's Call.

A special acknowledgement will be presented by Samford University to recognize the 150th anniversary of the church. A covered dish dinner will follow. All former church members are invited and encouraged

## Mt. Zion Baptist Church Benefit Singing is August 13

A Benefit singing and auction to help finance the expansion of the fellowship hall at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Mixson Cross Roads Community). This event will be held Sunday, August 13, 2005 at the Tarenum Community Building, The Hamburger and Hot Dog supper will be at 5:30 p.m. and the singing begins at 6 p.m.

Groups appearing at the benefit singing include: Monticello Bluegrass Gospel from Monticello, Ala.; Franklin's Gospel from Abbeville, Ala.; and Old Southern Gospel from Jack, Ala.

# LIFESTYLES

## Miss Vaughan Boyd & Mr. Grant Lyons honored with pre-nuptial parties

The Boyd - Lyons wedding was the inspiration for a series of parties over the August 6th weekend as family and friends gathered in Elba to be a part of the special day.

**Bridesmaid's Luncheon**  
 On Friday, August 5th, a bridesmaid's luncheon was held at the home of Betty Martin with Ella Jean Vaughan Elaine Martin, Sue Mitchum and Gloria Harper as co-hostesses.

Arriving guests were served punch and appetizers in the living room and then invited into the sunroom where a manicurist was on hand to give manicures. Lunch was served in the formal dining room and the family room where the tables were set with gold chargers and beautiful gold band china, tall crystal vases filled with pink roses, snapdragons and alstramaria lilies centered the tables.

Vaughan presented her wedding attendants with large over-the-shoulder tote bags bonded and monogrammed in vivid colors. Inside were gaily decorated flip flops to dance in at the reception, delicate jewelry to accessorize their bridesmaids' gowns and gifts of cosmetics. The little flower girl's bag was unique with its painting on the front of a bridal couple in their formal attire.

The wedding directors were given gifts of china tea sets and trays hand painted and monogrammed by the bride's mother. The hostesses received rose

bowls of delicate flowers each marked with a handmade card of pressed flower petals.

**Rehearsal Dinner**  
 The historic old Rawls Hotel in Enterprise was the setting for a dinner following the wedding rehearsal on Friday evening.


Hosts John and Shari Lyons greeted the wedding party, family and out of town guests who attended and invited them into the lobby where musicians performed and waiters passed drinks and hot hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner was served in the large dining room where the head table was centered with a cascading arrangement of roses, alstramaria and alstramaria lilies in shades of pink accented with white Monte Casino and ruscus greenery.

Tables for eight placed about the room were covered in white linen topped with black and white checked cloths and centered with slender porcelain candelabras holding ivory topiaries.

Alternating black and white plates and placecards edged in black and tied with black ribbon carried out the sophisticated theme introduced on the bow tied invitations that had arrived from Knoxville. Places were marked by chocolate candy bars sleeved with pictures of Vaughan and Grant and inscribed "How Sweet It Is".

Stanley Carter, the bride's minister, pronounced the bless-



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## Sarah Cox is five years old

Sarah Kimberly Cox celebrated her fifth birthday (June 16) with a party Saturday afternoon, June 18, at her home in Opelika, Ala. Several family members and friends were present to help the birthday girl celebrate her big day.

Sarah is the daughter of Christopher and Penny Cox of Opelika. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Fernia Cox of Elba, Linda Tice Randolph of Anniston, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Randolph of North Huntingdon, Pa.

## Lots to be honored with 70th Wedding Anniversary reception

In honor of the Seventieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Preston Loft, their children request the honor of your presence at a reception on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 2:30 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 5711 County Rd. 114, Brundidge (New Hope community).

Please omit gifts as your presence will be their gift.

## SEAC workshops planned for August 22

The Special Education Action Committee (SEAC) Parent Partners Center will present FREE information workshops on August 22, 2005 and August 23rd at 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. These workshops will be presented at the WRC Lions Hall, 795 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, Ala. Topics presented will be Special Education Law, The Evaluation Process, Writing an (Individual Education Process (IEP), a Communication workshop titled Effective Communication/ Problem Solving Strategies and a thoroughly explanation of Title I, No Child Left Behind. All parents of regular education, special education and Title I students will benefit from the information presented in these day long workshops.

These workshops are free but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, please call Vonda Reeves or Charlotte Willoughby to register at (334) 792-0022 or 1-800-677-9123.

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 Westgate Center

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 M-F 7 & 9:15, S&S 2:15 & 9:15  
 M-F 7:05 & 9:15, S&S 2:2 & 9:15  
 M-F 8:05 & 9:15, S&S 2:15 & 9:15  
 MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13)  
 M-F 8:05 & 9:15, S&S 2:15 & 9:15  
 College Cinema • College Plaza

**IV - FOUR BROTHERS**  
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 II - WEDDING CRASHERS (R)  
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**III - DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLLO**  
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 Prayer Service Mon. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
 Rev. Ray Gile-Minister  
 Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
 Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
 Prayer Service Mon. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Class - 6:30 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Joe Harris, Pastor  
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
 Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service - 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.

**WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Chris Barrett, Pastor  
 Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
 Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service - 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.

**ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Rev. John Isaacs, Pastor  
 Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
 Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service - 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.

## Church Directory

<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b> <b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor Sun. School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Robert McWaters Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Ashby Faulstich, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service - 7:15 p.m.	<b>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION</b> Rev. May Seavey Sunday Men's Service - 10:30 a.m. Even. Service - 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Leonard Powers, Minister Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Even. Service - 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE, DEL.</b> Hiron & Linda Williams, Pastors Sun. School - 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even. - 7:30 p.m.	<b>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE</b> W. R. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening - 7:00 p.m.	<b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Nabal Fleming, Pastor Sun. School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:30 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.	<b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Bro. Hollis Bradley, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>PRAISE &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>RIVER OF LIFE WORSHIP CENTER</b> Rev. Lamar Dean Men's Worship - 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m. Thur. Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study - 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays - 10:30 a.m.	<b>RODETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>SHADY GROVE AREA</b> Rev. S. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Prayer Service Mon. - 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.	<b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Joe Harris, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Roger Lee, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Chris Barrett, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Rev. John Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Men's Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. - 6:30 p.m.
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This workshop is designed to improve the quality of patient care by increasing the health care professional's knowledge in managing patients in a psychiatric crisis. Nurses will receive 7.0 contact hours of continuing education credit through Diversified Nursing which is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education. This class will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2005, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$75.00. Registration deadline is August 25.

## Basic Web Design

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## Conversional Spanish-1

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## Leisure Swim

Leisure Swimming is an opportunity for individuals or family members to maintain fitness through swimming. Open only to people who already have swimming skills. The pool will be available for approximately 20 hours per week beginning August 18 until December 12.

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# SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was one of the largest gatherings of the "Mularz Family" in years over the weekend when sixteen members of the family got together for a night out to celebrate a birthday and enjoy the opportunity to get together, renew memories and share lots of hugs. My older brother Tony, now living in Enterprise, hosted the event along with his wife Jane, while others in attendance included my youngest brother Gary and his youngest daughter Abby, from Mobile, my nephew Chip, his wife Jill and their four children Reese, Billy, Anna and Holly, from Wisconsin; my nephew Chris, from Mobile, my family of four and my Mom, who will soon be moving back to Coffee County from Mobile. Plans were made for another gathering next summer, and maybe then the other five members of the Mularz clan will join in to make it even bigger!

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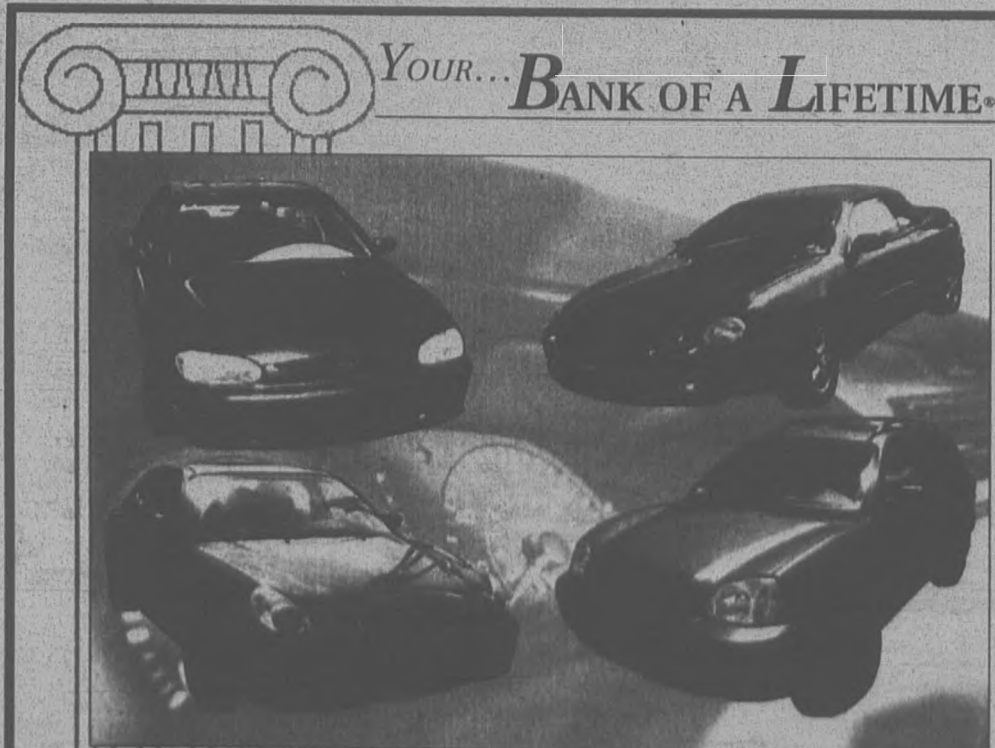
\*\*\* I attended picture day last week at Elba High and was impressed with the number of players on the Tiger varsity and the overall size of the players. The Tigers had a big senior class dressed out that was filled with returning starters, and I will admit it was one of the most impressive looking bunch of Tigers I have seen in many years. The coaching staff had a new look with three new coaches on board, but the team was dressed out in black and gold and the coaches all had on black caps with a gold "E" sewn on. Yep, there was no doubt these were the 2005 Elba Tigers.

\*\*\* I have a habit of reading every newspaper I can get my hands on and last week I read in one paper that former Elba High principal Mike Williams was the new head football coach at Greenville High School. I knew that Greenville's Coach Alvin Briggs had resigned late in the summer, but never even thought about Coach Williams taking over. The article stated the new Greenville coach spent the early days of preseason drills going over such "bare bone" mechanics as how to huddle and leave the huddle, and also reported over 50 players were expected to fill the roster this season. Coach Williams is a true disciplinarian, and while the wins might not add up as soon as many may want, there can be no doubt he will build the foundation for a 5A power and that the Tigers will be back on top in the very near future.

\*\*\* Rumors from around the area football camps report that New Brockton is up to 25 players and will return eight starters on both sides of the ball, while spirits are high at Zion Chapel, numbers are down a little at Kinston and the talk is about winning another state title up at Brantley. I will try and get to the various camps in the days to come before the start of the season and will try and keep all the football fans up to date on what to expect.

\*\*\* In closing....the NCAA announced last week that it will ban the use of American Indian mascots by college sports teams during its post-season tournaments and deemed that such nicknames were "hostile and abusive" and would be unacceptable for championship competition. At least 18 NCAA schools have such mascots, including Florida State, which has received permission from the Seminole tribe in Florida to use the nickname. The NCAA also announced it would ban schools using Indian nicknames from hosting post-season events and that schools would have to cover any such offensive logos, while in 2008 such logos would also be banned on cheerleader and band uniforms. It will seem that the NCAA would have enough problems with its court cases, its enforcement of steroid policies and other athletic related items to let someone else worry about the names of mascots. I guess the next mascot to get the axe will be the ones associated with Satan, which hit hard at Duke, where the Blue Devils are a nationwide power.

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By state sportswriters

## Area football teams included in '05 pre-season high school football standings

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its annual "preseason" high school football poll last week with four defending state champions picked to repeat in the upcoming 2005 season.

Sweet Water (1A), Leroy (2A), Homewood (5A) and Hoover (6A) were all picked to retain their crowns this season, while defending champ Oneonta was picked second in 4A and Demopolis was picked third in 5A.

Following is the complete preseason poll in all six classes, with last season's final record included in parenthesis:

**CLASS 1A**  
1. Sweet Water (13-2)  
2. Hubbard (14-1)  
3. Wadley (13-1)  
4. American Ch. (12-1)  
5. Loachapoka (12-1)

6. Cedar Bluff (11-2)  
7. Brantley (13-1)  
8. Colbert Co. (7-5)  
9. Autaugaville (7-5)  
10. Florala (7-4)

**CLASS 2A**  
1. Leroy (12-2)  
2. Clay County (12-2)  
3. Fyffe (11-1)  
4. Cottonwood (9-5)  
5. Sou. Choctaw (10-3)  
6. Woodland (11-4)  
7. Red Bay (12-1)  
8. Calera (11-1)  
9. Randolph Co. (10-2)  
10. Red Level (11-2)

Also receiving votes - 12. Houston Academy (7-4), 15. Lurverne (9-3), 17. Houston County (9-3), and 20. Elba (4-7).

**CLASS 3A**  
1. T.R. Miller (12-1)  
2. Oneonta (15-0)

3. Pike County (9-4)  
4. Midfield (12-1)  
5. Colbert Co. (7-5)  
6. Springville (10-2)  
7. Litchfield (9-4)  
8. Winfield (14-1)  
9. Cherokee Co. (10-2)  
10. Hokes Bluff (10-4)

Also receiving votes - 15. Straughn (8-4)

**CLASS 4A**  
1. Deshler (14-1)  
2. UMS-Wright (13-1)  
3. Demopolis (15-0)  
4. Alexandria (11-3)  
5. Moody (9-4)  
6. North Jackson (8-3)  
7. Geneva (10-2)  
8. Dora (10-2)  
9. Trinity (12-1)  
10. Thomasville (10-2)

Also receiving votes - 14. Opp (7-5).

**CLASS 5A**  
1. Homewood (14-1)  
2. Russellville (13-2)  
3. Benjamin Russell (8-4)  
4. Williamson (10-3)  
5. Stanhope Elmore (11-2)  
6. McDady (10-2)  
7. Etowah (8-3)  
8. Parker (9-3)  
9. Athens (8-6)  
10. Charles Henderson (8-4)

**CLASS 6A**  
1. Hoover (15-0)  
2. Prattville (13-1)  
3. Spain Park (9-4)  
4. Davidson (9-3)  
5. Mt. Brook (10-4)  
6. Opelika (6-5)  
7. Tuscaloosa Co. (11-2)  
8. Central PC (8-4)  
9. Daphne (7-5)  
10. Montgomery Carver (9-5)

Also receiving votes - 11. Enterprise (7-4).

## Region opponents remain identical for upcoming '05 prep football season

The high school football season is now only two weeks away and for area teams the season will bring with it region competition filled with many familiar and formidable foes.

**CLASS 1A, REGION 2**  
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**CLASS 2A, REGION 2**  
This region includes two teams from Coffee County and four teams that were ranked in the preseason high school football standings, making it one of the state's top 2A regions for the upcoming season. The region's top three teams from last season are all loaded for another run at the region title and it looks like a toss-up between Houston Academy, Cottonwood and Houston County as to which team will earn the #1 spot and the home field advantage in the playoffs. Elba and New Brockton are expected to battle for the fourth and final playoff berth in the right-team region, while Geneva County, Samson and Wicksburg will all be looking to regroup and improve under the guidance of new head coaches.

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## '05 REGION ALIGNMENT

### CLASS 2A, REGION 2

Cottonwood - Elba - Geneva County - Houston Academy - Houston County - New Brockton - Samson - Wicksburg

### CLASS 1A, REGION 2

Ariton - Brantley - Florala - Goshen - Kinston - McKenzie - Pleasant Home - Zion Chapel

## Youth football & cheerleader sign-up ends Friday, Aug. 12

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for the upcoming "Youth Football" season will begin on August 1 and continue through August 12, with the registration period being for both football players and cheerleaders.

Age divisions for both football and cheerleading include Midget - ages 7-8, Termitte - ages 9-10 and PeeWee - ages 11-12, with the age determined by one's age on August 1, 2005.

The Elba league competes in the Little Tn-County Football League with Brantley, Lurverne, Highland Home, Goshen, Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel, with games played on Saturday nights beginning with the midgets at 5:30 p.m. The season will begin on Saturday, September 10, and continue for six straight weeks, with the league's Super Bowl to conclude the season on October 22.

Registration fees for football are \$25 per player, with a \$40 charge for two members of the same family and a \$60 maximum fee per family. The entry

fee includes the use of football equipment for the season, with the equipment to be returned upon completion of the season.

There is no registration fee for cheerleaders; however, all girls ages 7-12 must register to allow cheerleader coaches to organize squads and order uniforms. The uniforms are purchased by the cheerleaders and must be ordered in early August to assure delivery by the opening game of the season.

All boys and girls that register should bring a copy of their birth certificate to the Recreation Center and a list of emergency phone numbers. Registration forms are available at the Elba Recreation Center, Elba City Hall and the Elba City Schools during the opening week of classes.

For more information about registration or coaching a team call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# SPORTS



EVERETTE KELLEY fired rounds of 98-91 over the weekend to place fifth in the Second Flight at the annual Elba Country Club golf tournament.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



DALE CROWE fired a two-day total of 144 to win the Senior title at the Elba Country Club golf tournament and placed second in the overall standings.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



COLBY CAPPS holed out from 190-yards out on the final hole for an eagle to win the Elba Country Club "Club Championship" by two strokes.

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## At Elba Country Club Golf Tournament

## Colby Capps eagles final hole to claim club championship

Colby Capps holed out a seven-iron from 190 yards out for an eagle on the final hole to win the 2005 Elba Country Club "Club Championship" recently by two-strokes over Dale Crowe.

Crowe held a one stroke advantage over Capps entering the 36th and final hole of the two-day event, but bogeyed his final hole while Capps made the miraculous eagle from down the hill to claim the club title.

In other tournament action Terry Hudson ran away with the hand-icap championship and Dale Crowe lapped the field to win the senior title.

Following are complete tournament results:

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT "A"

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Colby Capps	71	71	142
Dale Crowe	69	75	144

Ricky Smith	75	72	147
Mike Kelley	75	76	151
Rex Jackson	73	81	154
Ronny Nicholson	74	WD	

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT "B"

Tommy Skinner	77	73	150
Jack Mullinax	78	73	151
Barney	76	76	152
Gene Strickland	81	76	157
David Haley	76	81	157
John Wilson	79	79	158
Terry Hudson	81	83	164

### FIRST FLIGHT

Wynn Grimes	82	79	161
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Kenneth Nolin	83	79	162
Bryan Grimes	82	81	163
George Taylor	85	79	164
Neil Grantham	88	78	166
Bert Bagley	87	86	173
Todd Hawthorne	88	87	175

### SECOND FLIGHT

Bryan Grimes	90	90	180
Billy Brimbs	91	91	182
Freddie Thomas	94	89	183
Stan Houston	99	86	185
Everette Kelley	98	94	192
Bobby Hudson	93	104	197
Dwight Kelley	95	104	199

## Ready for next challenge

## Charles Cole named girls basketball coach at Enterprise-Ozark Community College

Former New Brockton High School basketball coach Charles Cole had never backed down from a challenge. So, when officials from Enterprise-Ozark Community College came looking for a new women's basketball coach he hesitated, only briefly before agreeing to take over the reins of the Lady Weevils and immediately went to work planning on how to turn the team into one of the state's best.

"My only hesitation was because I had coached the girls high school team at Daleville the past two years and didn't want the girls to think I had given up on them after I pushed them so hard to be their best," stated Coach Cole. "The girls at Daleville had worked hard for the past two seasons and last season made it to the sub-region playoffs. I knew we would have a good team again this season, and my first thoughts were about the members of the team."

"Coaching at the college level was always a challenge I had wanted to meet," added Cole, "and after I talked with my family and met with my team I accepted the position and went to work the next day learning about the girls program at EOCC and making plans to make the Lady Weevils the best team in Alabama. We will work hard on and off the court to make the team one the students and fans of EOCC will support, and our goal will be to make the program one the school and all of the area will be proud of."

Cole began meeting his challenges back in the late 1950s when he became an all-state performer in basketball at Mulberry Heights High School in Elba, and then took his skills to Alabama State University where he became a three-year starter and twice led the Hornets in rebounding. After graduation he returned to his roots as a teacher/coach at Warren Smith High School in New Brockton. He led the basketball program to new heights in his eight years at the helm at Warren Smith, then accepted the position of assistant principal/athletic director at New Hope Junior High, a small junior high school located in the northeast corner of Coffee County. While at New Hope Cole led the team to numerous county titles and earned statewide recognition with his high-scoring offensive style of play.

Cole thought he had hung up his whistle in the late 70s after being named the principal at New Brockton Elementary School, but when the head basketball coach at New Brockton High School resigned late in 1981, he stepped down after the '81 season to return as the full-time principal at New Brockton Elementary, where he remained until his retirement in 1998.

"My health had begun to decline years before I retired," admitted Cole, "but I had worked with children, teachers and parents all my life and just couldn't imagine life out of education and coaching. I knew it was time, however, and after 37 years walked away and locked the doors of my office and handed the keys over to the next principal."

Retirement presented Cole with a new challenge as he

began to walk around his home town on a daily basis and listened to his fellow town folks as they wondered out loud what would happen to their lovely little community. These talks led Cole to yet another challenge, and in 2000 he was elected mayor of New Brockton and became the first African-American mayor in the history of Coffee County. He won reelection in 2004, and then returned to the coaching profession when he accepted a part-time position as the head girls basketball coach at Daleville High School. He led the Lady Warhawks to a pair of successful seasons and last season took his team to the sub-region finals.

"I had been on the city council for years at New Brockton and felt I could best serve the citizens as their mayor," said Cole. "I wasn't sure if a city in Coffee County was ready to elect an African-American as its mayor, but I went door to door talking and listening to the citizens and was elected. It was during my second term in office I was approached to coach the girls at Daleville, and once again I talked with my family and we decided it was a challenge I should accept. I enjoyed the two years at Daleville and was making plans for a third season when I was offered the position at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. I knew being a college coach would take up more of my time and would include some long road trips, but it was a challenge I had always wanted the opportunity to try and was like a candy store when I walked into the gym and unlocked my office."

"I am the mayor of New Brockton and love being able to work with the council and citizens while looking ahead to the future of our city," stated Cole.

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CHARLES COLE

"but most people my age have hobbies and mine happens to be coaching college basketball. I will always be there for the citizens and will meet the challenges facing New Brockton head on. However, sometimes in the afternoon they may have to call a different number to get me."

"I have been blessed throughout my life and have taken a little bit of what I have learned at every stop along the way to every new challenge I have faced," said Cole. "It is a little strange that I have been able to do so many things after my retirement. I became the mayor of New Brockton after being retired, and since have been able to get back into high school coaching and now have met one of my lifelong goals in being able to become a college basketball coach. I hope everyone else will get to enjoy retirement as much as I have."

Cole is married to Barbara Bell Cole, a teacher at New Brockton High School, and has two children, Kellen and Kendra, both enrolled in college.

## Four mid-season champions crowned in racing action at South Alabama Speedway in Kinston

By Mark Chism

With recent rainouts, South Alabama Speedway had four Mid Season Championship races scheduled for Saturday night. The Vintage, Modified, Street Stock, and Roadrunner classes had Mid Season races.

In the Vintage class, Teddy Sasser grabbed the lead on the first lap and appeared headed to his seventh straight win. Darrell Ruff chased Sasser all race, but Sasser maintained a two to three car length cushion. On lap 23, Sasser's engine shut down and he headed to the pits. Ruff took over control and led the remaining laps to take his first win of the season. Jason Windham finished second, followed by Duane Bates. Sasser was credited with fourth place with Steve Cotton fifth.

In the 30-lap Modified Mid Season race, Regé Hellett led from flag to flag, but had to hold off a serious challenge from Kevin Peel to take the checkers. Hellett could build a comfortable lead over Peel when the race stayed green, but a late race rash of cautions played to Peel's favor. On each restart, Peel could pull alongside Hellett, but Hellett had the preferred inside groove and could pull back ahead. On the last restart, Peel got good traction on the outside and was able to stay with Hellett. But as the pair headed off of turn four for the final time, Hellett got the traction he needed to pull ahead at the checkers. Terry Malone was third, followed by Jamie Ater, and Mike Daniels.

In the Street Stock race, Sam Smith took the lead on lap six and went on to take the win. Smith had to hold off the challenges of early leader Derek Deese, who refused to let Smith get too far ahead. Deese had a couple of shots at Smith on restarts, getting a nose inside of Smith. But Smith was able to power ahead and maintain his lead. Jeff Rudd ran third all race. Gary Morse finished third with Charles Cotton fifth.

In the Roadrunner Mid Season race, Jimmie Hager grabbed the early lead, leading by as much as eight car lengths in the early going. On the sixth lap, Hager's right front tire decided it had run enough and went straight as he was motoring through turn three. Hager's misfortune handed the lead to Jason Singletary the lead. Singletary, winner of numerous features in 2005, knew what to do once out front. He led the rest of the way to take the win. Billy Maxie and Craig Drake kept Singletary in sight but never mounted a serious challenge for the lead. Jerry Hudson came back from a lap two spin to finish fourth. John Singletary rounded out the top five.

In the Coyote feature, Tony Tidwell led all 15 laps to take an apparent win. However, Tidwell saw his first win slip away in post race inspection when he was disqualified for illegal rims. His "4s" handed the win to Jimmie Hager. Hager came from the seventh starting spot to take the win. Danny Parmer was second, Lloyd Townsell third, Robert Colvin fourth, and Tim Wilkerson fifth.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Jeremy Peacock sped away for the win. Dwayne Maloy finished a distance second. As Cherry was third with Karen Williams fourth and Eddie Hinson fifth.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

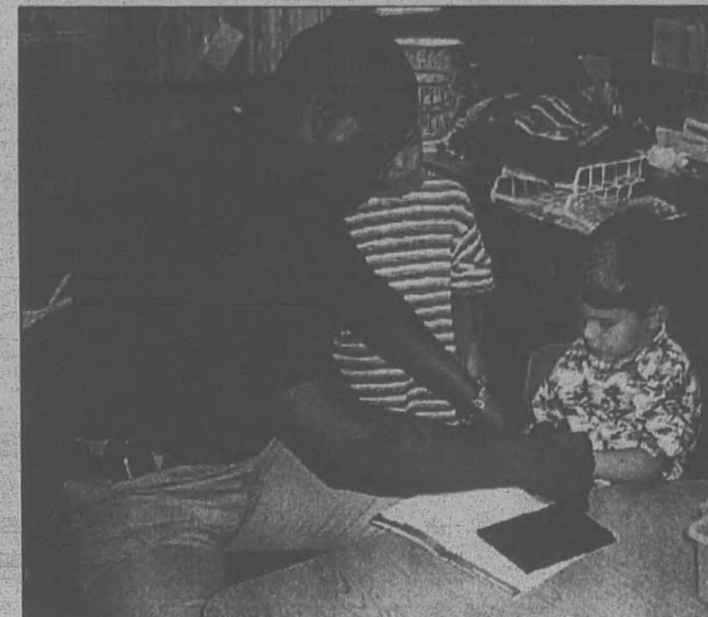
## Kindergarten Jumpstart held at Coffee County Schools



Kindergarten Jumpstart was held July 27 and July 28 at the Coffee County Schools of Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel. The three schools combined had 121 students attend the two-day event. Among those were the students in Mrs. Colvin's kindergarten class (shown above) at New Brockton Elementary School.



Kindergarten Jumpstart also benefited the parents of the new students with 119 parents attending a parent orientation. The students in Mrs. Smith's kindergarten class at Zion Chapel School certainly seemed to enjoy the event as they took a tour of their school.



Coffee County Schools hope to be able to set up booths at the Fall Festival of each school so that other elementary students can participate in the completion of the Child Safety Kit. Above, Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Myron Williams fingerprints kindergartners at New Brockton Elementary School.

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**FINGERPRINTING OFFERED.**The Coffee County Board of Education in partnership with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the Polly Klass Foundation sponsored fingerprinting/DNA Child Safety Kits for those attending Jumpstart. Investigator Kent Reynolds of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department was on site at Zion Chapel Schools to complete the fingerprinting of the new students.



The students in Carl Linton's kindergarten class at Kinston Schools were excited to be in their new classroom.

The smile on Brock Cardwell's face spoke louder than words in describing his excitement for being a new student at Zion Chapel Schools. Jumpstart allowed the kindergartners to get an idea of what it is like to attend class and complete assignments.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Revival services planned at Faith Assembly of God

Faith Assembly of God will be hosting a revival August 22-26 at 7 p.m. Rev. Billy Cardwell of Grove Hill, Ala. will be the speaker. There will be singing each evening. The church is located at 499 Meredith Street, Enterprise, Ala. Everyone is invited. For more information call Pastor Huey Anderson.

## Volunteers needed for Hospice

When you volunteer for Hospice only your caring, compassion and time is required. Applications are available at Countryside Hospice Care. The address is: 955 S/Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36420 (334-222-7048) ask for Kathi Kelley, Volunteer Coordinator.

**THESE CONTESTANTS, THROUGHOUT THE DAY,** participated in a written communication competition, an overview of the pagan handbook, a list of dates and times of pagan activities and rehearsals the queens are required to attend, and attire that the queens are expected to wear during all occasions for the pagan Coffee County Queens: Front Row: Miss Enterprise - Kimberly Henderson, Miss Coffee County - Dorothy Robinson; Back Row: Miss Elba - Kendall Rebecca Stinson, Miss National Peanut Queen 2004 - Brittany Shepard, Miss New Brockton - Lori Ann Wade, Miss Kinston - Tiffany Lynn Wilson.

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being used in printing and graphic arts areas. As a growing industry, printing and graphic communications offers a host of career opportunities in the fields of graphic design and desktop publishing, photography, electronic press, and digital imaging.

The Computer and Information Science Division offers two certificate options and an associate applied science degree for programs that prepare students to become highly trained workers designing and developing new hardware and software systems and to become adaptive to ever-changing technologies. Students learn to write programs using a variety of programming languages such as COBOL, C++, Visual Basic, and Java. In addition, the programs integrate computer operations and maintenance skills.

The thriving field of computer maintenance and networking technology led to a viable program at EOCC in that field. Students learn about network administrative tools to set up, manage, and use basic network services including shared file systems, network printing, firewall security, partitioning, and replication, time synchronization strategies, and integrating other networks. This program offers a certificate.

The criminal justice program is designed for students interested in entering the profession or who are currently employed in law enforcement activities. The program includes courses necessary for professional development regardless of the level of leadership or employment. EOCC offers 18- and 30-hour certificates.

When an emergency arises, the best in rescue is always desired. The EOCC Emergency Medical Training program prepares the best students in the basic, intermediate, and paramedic fields. Students acquire knowledge and skills to administer drugs (orally, subcutaneously, intramuscularly, and intravenously), to interpret electrocardiograms (EKGs), to perform endotracheal intubations, and to use a variety of complex equipment such as oxygen saturation monitors. In addition to a certificate and applied science degree possibilities, graduates will be eligible to take the National Registry exam.

The Health Information Technology (HIT) program trains students in how to provide services throughout the health care delivery system while under the direction of a health information manager. The program includes courses in pharmacology, medical terminology, coding classification systems, health care reimbursement, computer applications for health care professionals, supervision in health care, legal and ethical aspects, data analysis, and applicable laws and regulations. EOCC offers a certificate for this program.

An EOCC parallel certificate opens job opportunities for graduates to step into legal assistant positions to assist attorneys with specific tasks. These tasks include performing factual legal research, interviewing witnesses, drafting pleadings and motions, preparing legal memoranda and briefs, and preparing for trial. The program includes courses in legal research, law office management, criminal law, domestic law, civil law and procedures, and wills, estates, and trusts.



Marion Kay Hocutt (left) receives a Sam Walton Community Scholarship from Sandy Howard of the WalMart Super Center in Enterprise.

## Marion Kay Hocutt receives scholarship

Marion Kay Hocutt of Chiquian, Peru (formerly of Elba), recently received a \$1,000 Sam Walton Community Scholarship from WalMart Super Center in Enterprise. Marion is the daughter of Keith and Carolyn Hocutt and the granddaughter of Evelyn Hocutt of Elba and of Herbert and

Charlene Burton of Huntsville. She graduated from home school in Peru, where her parents are missionaries with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Marion attends Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, where she plans to major in biology.

## Food manufacturer recalls mislabeled product

Growing concerns about unlabeled allergens in food products has prompted another food manufacturer to recall a product that failed to carry adequate labeling.

Campbell Soup Supply Company recalled an estimated 473,500 pounds of Spaghetti Os Plus Calcium because the product's labeling information did not mention the presence of soy, a known allergen used, in this case, in the meatballs, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

The recall falls under the Class I category, meaning that there is a reasonable probability use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or even death.

Dr. Jean Weese, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System food scientist and professor of Auburn University, says improper labeling typically results from one of three causes: food ingredients containing allergens are put into the wrong food products; labels are not changed to reflect alterations in food products; or a label was applied to the wrong product.

Whatever the case, Weese says, any ingredient not listed on a food label is considered a contaminant under federal law — "even ingredients considered perfectly legal for use in any food product," she says.

In an age when the public maintains a virtual zero-tolerance

standard for food safety, Weese says accurate labeling is more important than ever.

"People have learned to trust labels," Weese says. "They buy a product with expectation that an ingredient not listed on the label is not in the product."

Reactions often associated with exposure to allergens include throat swelling, breathing trouble or a rash.

Several foods account for 90 percent of allergic reactions. They include include peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, pecans, etc.), fish, shellfish, eggs, milk, soy, and wheat.

Weese advises people who suffer from life-threatening food allergies to carry and know how to administer prescription epinephrine, though strictly avoiding allergy-causing food is always the most effective safeguard.

Source: Dr. Jean Weese, Alabama Cooperative Extension System Food Scientist and Auburn University Professor of Nutrition and Food Science, (334) 844-3269.

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## Note of Thanks

Mattie Rodgers would like to send a note of appreciation to all the churches, Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home and the entire community of Elba for their continued support and encouragement. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

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**FALL REGISTRATION**

**Regular Registration**  
Auburn University  
August 16, 2005 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Greenville**  
August 16, 2005 - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Lavaca High School**  
August 11, 2005 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Lake Registration**  
Drop/Add Period: All Campuses  
August 17-22, 2005

**Clemson Basin**  
August 17, 2005

Auburn University Campus: 691-8271  
Milledgeville Campus: 693-5355  
Lavaca High: 482-0917



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**FARRIS NAMED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW.**—The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendships and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace. Dr. Billy Farris (left) of Elba recently was selected to receive this recognition because his life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. He was presented a certificate and medal by Elba Rotary Club president Josh Wilson (right).

## Jobs available with four manufacturers in Southeast Alabama

Four Wiregrass manufacturers are seeking to fill a variety of jobs. Automotive suppliers in Elba and Eufaula are seeking production workers. A steel manufacturer in Ozark is seeking steel detailers, a supervisor and an engineer. A new distribution company in Geneva is seeking warehouse selectors, receivers, forklift operators and loaders.

Job seekers must complete AIDT training to be considered for production employment. Training is not required for the supervisor and engineer jobs in Ozark.

Elba's automotive supplier, Toledo Molding & Die, specializes in injection and blow molding plastic parts. Training applications for TMD job seekers are available at the plant located at 375 Highway 203 (State Road 189) and at Alabama Career Centers in Andalusia at 312 West Gate Plaza and at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise.

Hyundai Polytech Co., LTD, in Eufaula specializes in anti-vibration rubber and thermoplastic rubber products for automotive parts. Training applications for these jobs are available at the Alabama Career Center in Eufaula at 122 Paul Lee

Parkway. Ozark's fast growing steel manufacturer, New Millennium Building Systems LLC, produces steel joist and deck products. Starting wages for production workers range from \$13 to \$20 per hour, based on experience.

New Millennium training and job applications are available at the Ozark Technology Center on U.S. Highway 231 South in Ozark and at the Alabama Career Centers in Enterprise, 2021 Boll Weevil Circle, and in Dothan, 1950 Reeves Street.

SYSCO, the nation's largest foodservice distribution company, which recently announced its new location in Geneva, provides merchandise to restaurants, hospitals, schools and summer camps. AIDT training

applications for these jobs are available in Geneva at City Hall and at the Alabama Career Centers throughout the state, and online at the Alabama Job Link web site <www.joblink.alabama.gov> and the AIDT web site <www.aidt.edu/companyjobs.htm>.

Details about job requirements and employee benefits are available at Alabama Career Centers throughout the state, and online at the Alabama Job Link web site <www.joblink.alabama.gov> and the AIDT web site <www.aidt.edu/companyjobs.htm>.

## Notice of Construction in Area:

The Alabama Department of Transportation informs the public that Bullard Excavating Inc. began work Wednesday, Aug. 10, on constructing the planing, resurfacing and traffic stripe on various routes in and around Opp. The length of the project is 9.174 miles in the counties of Covington and Coffee. The entire project is to be completed in 55 working days.

Any inquiry concerning this work should be directed to the following: Thad Perkins, project superintendent (334) 488-4170; William Wofford, district engineer (334) 222-5555; or Scotty Jones, project engineer (334) 493-9393.



**Coffee County Circuit Clerk Mickey Counts** (right) is shown receiving a 90-hour Certificate from Randy Helms (left), ADC, at the Circuit Clerks Annual Conference on July 8, 2005. In 1992 the Alabama Judicial College and representatives of the Circuit Clerks Association started and continuing education certificate program. As a Circuit Clerk, there is no requirement to acquire continuing education credits. But, the Alabama Circuit Clerks Association recognized the importance of continuing education as a method of building a strong judicial system and being responsive to the citizens of the state. The awards are presented in 90-hour increments, which must be obtained within a four-year period and with programs conducted within the State of Alabama.

## \*NOTICE\*

A new site on the web has been created that allows people to share their old memories, myths and tales of Elba and Western Coffee County with others.

The site is located at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ourcoelbatales>

The site was created by Alice Faye (Dot) Gatlin Merrill and her husband Eldon L. Merrill.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the site to look at the information already posted and/or post their own stories.

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## City of Elba applying for recreation grant

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council made several board appointments at their August 8th meeting.

Scott Kelley was approved for another three year term on the Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Marty Marler was named to the unexpired term of Jeff Kelley on the Industrial Development board. This term expires in February 2007.

The entire board of the Health Care Authority of Elba was reappointed. This group operates the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. Mayor James Grimes noted the hospital and nursing home were well run and operating efficiently. They need no funds from the City of Elba and are looking at plans for some much needed expansion.

Chairman Drexel Cook was reappointed to a term which expires on November 12, 2010. Secretary Carolyn Brunson was reappointed to a term which expires on November 12, 2009.

The same term was set in the reappointment of Pete Cash while Cabert Mills was reappointed for a term which ends on November 12, 2007. Daniel Stephens is the only new member of this authority, replacing the late Clayton Hickman. He term expires on November 12, 2007.

The city is applying for a recreation grant. The grant will cover 50% of the reprinted \$164,000 cost of the planned projects.

Included in this work will be

new restrooms, improved parking and an irrigation system at Legion Field. Also included will be the resurfacing and enclosing with a wind fence the existing tennis courts at Hawkins-Williams Park.

Some of the matching part of the project can be "in-kind" work by city employees. The grant is being sought from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

An additional, major park renovation grant application is in the planning stages. It will come from another grant source.

Reviewing the financial statement, Mayor James Grimes reported the nine month numbers indicate the City of Elba is "doing okay". This statement does not include the budget amendments recently added by the council to cover increased fuel costs. That will be reflected on the financial statements next month.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported the installation of guard rails on Jackson Street to improve safety. The lights on the levee walking will be modified, Grantham added.

The long awaited installation of the flood control pumps behind the old school will soon be completed, according to information Grantham received from the contractor working with the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Grimes scheduled a workshop for Monday, August 15th to work on an ordinance to refine local garbage and trash pick-up. This proposed ordinance calls for homeowners to separate trash and rubbish in an effort to curb the ever increasing cost of collecting and disposing of these items.

Complaints from council members about potholes in city streets were met with the fact that regular rains have prevented this type work in recent weeks.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

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**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL**, responded Tuesday morning, Aug. 16, to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 125 just north of the Coffee County Landfill. According to reports, a Chevrolet Impala driven by Jennifer Senn Killingsworth left the roadway and slammed into trees and bushes before coming to a stop. Officials at the scene said she was conscious but complaining with pain the upper body following the incident. A unit from Coffee County EMS transported her to a local hospital for observation. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Fire Department. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers office.

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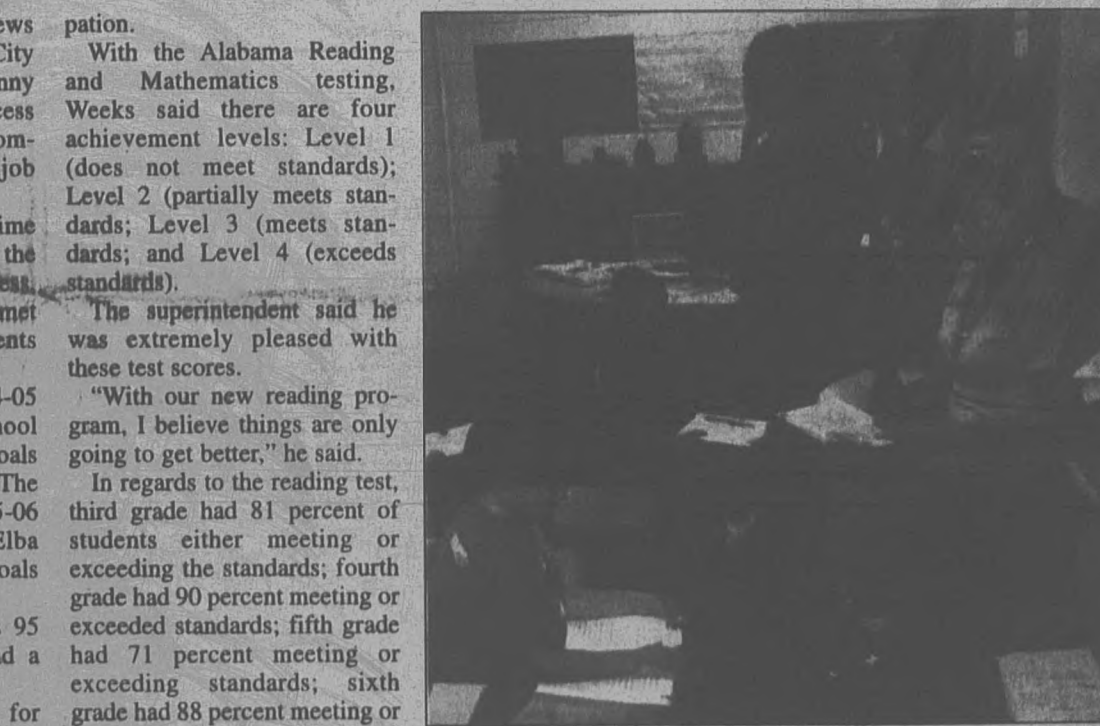
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**Elba Elementary School** opened the 2005-06 school year with a new reading program in place. The Reading Mastery program allows the school to operate under one reading program rather than several different ones. Thus far, everyone seems to be catching on very quickly with the objectives of Reading Mastery. Above, second grade teacher Pam Smith works with students JaCole Spicer and Jay DeBoer while EES principal LaKesha Brackins, EES Reading Program Specialist Gina Price and State Department Reading Coach Audrey Stinson observe. Additional scenes from the new school year can be found on Page 10 of this week's paper.

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